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Unmanned Variant of Tejas
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started work on developing an unmanned combat version of the home grown Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas and to convert the LCA into a drone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also plans to make an unmanned version of Chetak helicopter and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is working on a project named AURA to make a futuristic combat drone powered by a modified version of the Kaveri engine; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): To design and develop stealthy Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV), GHATAK / AURA, it is planned to utilize LCA-Tejas as a flying test bed for developing some technologies.

(c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has undertaken feasibility study of conversion of Chetak helicopter into unmanned technology demonstrator. Based on the initial study, HAL has floated global Request For Information (RFI).

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The project is named as GHATAK. Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) has planned to develop a futuristic stealth combat drone. Currently, ADA is working on technologies to enable future development.

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